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passed 218 steerage passengers. The steamship company was advised to reject the following cases: Trachoma, 5; cataract of both eyes, 1. There were also inspected 50 pieces of large, and 181 pieces of small, baggage.

On August 14, the steamship *Sempione*, of the Italian Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 823 steerage and 9 cabin passengers. The steamship company was advised to reject the following cases: Trachoma, 9; poor physique, 2; hip-joint disease, 1; marasmus, 2; heart disease, 1; partial blindness, both eyes, 1. There were also inspected 280 pieces of large, and 885 pieces of small, baggage.

On August 12, 7 cases of plague with 2 deaths were reported to have occurred at Oporto, Portugal. The United States consular agent has been written to with the request that he telegraph in the event of there being any emigration or other means by which there might be danger of conveying the plague to the United States.

Sufficient time having elapsed to permit of a telegraphic reply being sent and none having been received, it is inferred that the danger is not considered imminent.

Respectfully, yours,

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MEXICO.

*Yellow fever on steamship Mayo at Vera Cruz.*

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *August 15, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that on Sunday, the 13th, 3 cases of yellow fever appeared aboard the Spanish steamship *Mayo*. The sick were brought ashore to the hospital, and the quarters in the vessel were fumigated and disinfected. The bedding, clothes, and fabrics were brought ashore and put through the steam disinfecting plant of the Government. I visit the vessel daily, and will watch for any more suspicious cases. The vessel is bound for Mobile, but as the sick are the 3 engineers, it is not likely that she will leave under two weeks. I will order her to Ship Island for quarantine, and send along an intelligent bill of health. None of the crew had been ashore, and the only contact was from the laborers from shore, a condition common to all the vessels that enter the port. It is worth noting that the only vessels that have become infected while in port have been Spanish. The other was the Spanish bark *Dolores Romano*. Two others have had outbreaks of the fever after leaving here, the British steamship *Lombard*, bound for Mobile, and the Norwegian steamship *Transit*, for the same port.

An American died to-day in Cordoba of yellow fever. \* \* \*

The official mortality this week will be very small, and as I wrote you a few days ago, I think that the epidemic will officially be over in another two weeks. \* \* \*

It is something to our credit to have kept the fever out of Havana, considering that 964 passengers have left here during the past two months, during the worst part of the epidemic.

Respectfully, yours,

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